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Mr. Winfred L. Foss, Secretary
Industrial Park Authority
State Planning and Development Commission
State House Annex
Concord, New Hampshire

SEP 22 1998

CONCORD, N.H.

Dear Sir:

You have requested the opinion
of this office as to whether the Industrial Park Authority
may legally purchase insurance to protect it from accident
liability or other losses from fire or fraud.

Under the provisions of RSA 9:27,
the funds of the State or any department or institution
thereof shall not be used for providing for insurance of
property owned by the State against loss by fire or other
casualty, or against claims by third parties.

It is my suggestion that provisions
for proper insurance should be included in any bid or con-
tract which you propose to enter into and the contractor
should be required to protect the State as a part of his
contract.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E. Bean, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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